



## Beyond Conventional Medicine: Ethnomedical Approaches for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Significant achievements in conventional medical science and public health have advanced our knowledge about preventing and treating disease. Nevertheless, allopathic medicine is still a young science. Globally, there is recognition that traditional medical practices (ethnomedicine) continue to be utilized in the culture of origin. There is also recognition that many of these practices are being adopted and adapted for use outside the culture of origin—for example, Yoga, a part of Ayurveda, India's 5000-year-old medical system is increasingly being utilized and researched in the U.S. We are at a critical juncture to increase our knowledge of how traditional medicine is utilized, either alone or integrated with conventional medicine for healing, disease prevention, and health promotion.

This Special Issue seeks papers on ethnomedical approaches for healing, health, and well-being. We seek papers that examine the use of ethnomedicine for infectious diseases, mental illness, chronic diseases, pain, and other associated ailments.

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